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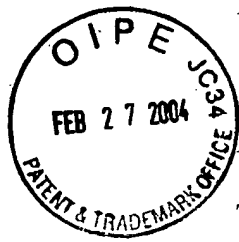
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Docket No.: 49677-107

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In re Application of

Toshihiro OOISHI, et al.

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Filed: November 29, 2001

For: METHOD OF PRODUCING GLASS PARTICLES DEPOSIT

: Customer Number: 20277

: Confirmation Number: 9693

: Group Art Unit: 1731

: Allowed: December 01, 2003

: Examiner: Carlos N. Lopez

REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE CITED ART

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Applicant hereby respectfully requests that:

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Respectfully submitted,

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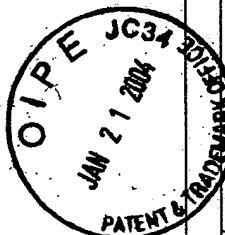
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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the U.S. filing date and after the mailing date of a Final Rejection or Notice of Allowance, but before payment of the Issue Fee.

REQUEST TO CONSIDER REFERENCES AFTER CLOSE OF PROSECUTION AND

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The undersigned hereby requests consideration and entry of this Information Disclosure Statement and accompanying references under 37 CFR 1.97(d).

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